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- SR staff consisted primarily of the 3 million gallon spill from the Gold King Mine in Colorado. R8 was doing some remediation work and the dam busted and a heavy metal fluid (mine waste) flowed from the Colorado River to the Animas River to San Juan. It happened last Wednesday AM, but R6 did not hear about it until Thursday PM. Mark McCasland is deployed to check out water systems in NM; David Garcia is being deployed as the Senior R6 federal official, and we expect the RSC to be deployed soon. The plume is currently in the Aztec, NM area, and it is starting to dilute with the river water. All DWB intakes have been closed off, and the DW systems in the area have @ 20 day reserve capacity in their reservoirs. Lots of sampling occurring, as we speak. Private wells in the area have been potentially compromised – EPA/NMED are going door to door for private well owners; specifically looking for potentially vulnerable private wells; that being, those wells that are less than 100 feet deep; and/or less than 500 feet from the river.

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